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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PIK BOTHA'S REPORTED REMARKS

ACCORDING TO THE STAR SEPT 14, PIK BOTHA DISCUSSED THE
NAMIBIAN ISSUE AT A CLOSED DOORS SESSION OF THE NATIONAL
PARTY CONGRESS YESTERDAY. FOLLOWING IS THE STAR ACCOUNT
OF BOTHA'S COMMENTS:

QUOTE MR. BOTHA TOLD NATIONALISTS IN PRETORIA THAT
SOUTH AFRICA HAD LEANED OVER BACKWARDS TO MEET THE WEST'S
DEMANDS.

QUOTE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WITH SANCTIONS ON SOUTH
AFRICA BEING THREATENED IF NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN, HE HAD
TO EXERCISE THE GREATEST PATIENCE AND KEEP DOORS
OPEN.

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QUOTE SOUTH AFRICA HAD, HOWEVER, COME TO THE END
OF THE ROAD AND HAD NO MORE ROOM TO MANEUVER.

QUOTE DEALING WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF SANCTIONS,
THE MINISTER SAID, THE CONSEQUENCES SHOULD BE REALISED.
ONCE INTRODUCED, THEY WOULD BE LIKELY TO LAST FOR DECADES
BECAUSE OF THE VETO RIGHT COMMUNIST NATIONS HAD OVER
THEIR BEING LIFTED. UNQUOTE

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